

In the Claims

Claims 1-11 and 17-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 17, 24 and 25 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected.

Claim 3, 6, 9, 10, 19, 21 and 23 are objected to.

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A personal all-terrain vehicle comprising:
a frame supported for rolling movement along the ground on respective wheels;
an engine arranged for driving the wheels to displace the vehicle in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle; and
a driver seat supported on the frame and arranged for supporting a driver of the vehicle thereon;
the driver seat being positioned at an end of the frame beyond the wheels of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle;
wherein there is provided a track extending about respective ones of the wheels on each side of the frame; and
wherein the seat includes a deck below a seating surface of the seat and arranged for supporting feet of the driver thereon, the deck being positioned below a height of the tracks.
2. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 18 wherein there is provided a track extending about respective ones of the wheels on each side of the frame.
3. (cancelled)
4. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein the seat is supported directly in behind the wheels, in alignment in the longitudinal direction with the wheels.
5. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein orientation of the driver seat faces laterally outward, substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction in operation.
6. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 5 wherein the seat is pivotal relative to the frame about a vertical axis between a first position facing laterally

outward in a first substantially perpendicular direction relative to the longitudinal direction and a second position facing laterally outward in a second substantially perpendicular direction relative to the longitudinal direction and opposite the first direction.

7. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a drive actuator controlling drive of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction, the drive actuator being positioned adjacent the drive seat for suitable actuation by a leg of the driver.

8. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein the engine is supported at an end of the frame beyond the wheels in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle opposite the driver seat.

9. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein the seat is supported on the frame for upward pivotal movement of the seat relative to the frame about a substantially horizontal axis.

10. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 9 wherein there is provided a drive actuator for controlling drive of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, the drive actuator being movable with the seat relative to the frame.

11. (original) The vehicle according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a hitch member supported at a rear end of the vehicle adjacent the seat.

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) A personal all-terrain vehicle comprising:

a frame;

wheels supporting the frame for rolling movement along the ground;

a track extending about respective ones of the wheels on each side of the

frame;

an engine arranged for driving the wheels to displace the vehicle in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

a driver seat supported on the frame and arranged for supporting a driver of the vehicle thereon;

the driver seat being positioned at an end of the frame beyond the wheels of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and in alignment in the longitudinal direction with the wheels;

the driver seat being pivotal relative to the frame about a vertical axis between a first position facing laterally outward in a first direction oriented substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction and a second position facing laterally outward in a second direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction and opposite the first direction;

the driver seat being supported on the frame for movement of the seat in an upward direction relative to the frame;

the driver seat including a seating surface and a deck below the seating surface, the deck being arranged for supporting feet of a driver in the seat thereon and being positioned below a height of the tracks;

a drive actuator arranged to control drive of the vehicle by the engine in the longitudinal direction;

the drive actuator being positioned adjacent the driver seat so as to be arranged for actuation by a leg of a driver in the driver seat;

the drive actuator being movable with the seat relative to the frame in the upward direction.

18. (currently amended) A personal all-terrain vehicle comprising:

a frame supported for rolling movement along the ground on respective

wheels;

an engine arranged for driving the wheels to displace the vehicle in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle; and

a driver seat supported on the frame and arranged for supporting a driver of the vehicle thereon;

the driver seat being positioned at an end of the frame beyond the wheels of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

wherein orientation of the driver seat faces laterally outward, substantially perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction in operation; and

wherein the seat is pivotal relative to the frame about a vertical axis between a first position facing laterally outward in a first substantially perpendicular direction relative to the longitudinal direction and a second position facing laterally outward in a second substantially perpendicular direction relative to the longitudinal direction and opposite the first direction.

19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 18 wherein the engine is supported at an end of the frame beyond the wheels in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle opposite the driver seat.

21. (currently amended) The vehicle according to Claim 18 wherein the seat is supported on the frame so as to be arranged for upward pivotal movement of the seat relative to the frame about a substantially horizontal axis.

22. (currently amended) A personal all-terrain vehicle comprising:
a frame supported for rolling movement along the ground on respective wheels;

an engine arranged for driving the wheels to displace the vehicle in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle; and

a driver seat supported on the frame and arranged for supporting a driver of the vehicle thereon;

the driver seat being positioned at an end of the frame beyond the wheels of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

wherein the engine is supported at an end of the frame beyond the wheels in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle opposite the driver seat; and

wherein the seat is supported on the frame so as to be arranged for upward pivotal movement of the seat relative to the frame about a substantially horizontal axis.

23. (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) A personal all-terrain vehicle comprising:

a frame supported for rolling movement along the ground on respective wheels;

an engine arranged for driving the wheels to displace the vehicle in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle; and

a driver seat supported on the frame and arranged for supporting a driver of the vehicle thereon;

the driver seat being positioned at an end of the frame beyond the wheels of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle;

wherein the seat is supported on the frame so as to be arranged for upward pivotal movement of the seat relative to the frame about a substantially horizontal axis.

25. (previously presented) The vehicle according to Claim 24 wherein there is provided a drive actuator for controlling drive of the vehicle in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, the drive actuator being movable with the seat relative to the frame.

26. (new) The vehicle according to Claim 17 wherein the seat includes a deck below a seating surface of the seat and arranged for supporting feet of the driver thereon, the deck being positioned below a height of the tracks.

27. (new) The vehicle according to Claim 18 wherein the seat includes a deck below a seating surface of the seat and arranged for supporting feet of the driver thereon, the deck being positioned below a height of the tracks.

28. (new) The vehicle according to Claim 24 wherein the seat includes a deck below a seating surface of the seat and arranged for supporting feet of the driver thereon, the deck being positioned below a height of the tracks.